Democratic Matchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-So far as the Philippines are concerned most of the excitement seems to be over our Luzon ground.

-If QUAY is defeated the only bad job that will be left on capital hill will be the new capital itself.

-The woods are full of candidates and if many more appear some of them will have to take to the trees.

-There'll come a time some day, when we'll get rid of QUAY; that's what the fusionists say, ta-ra-ra-boom-de-aye.

-A QUAY steering committee was formed on Wednesday at Harrisburg. It isn't steerers that the "old man" needs. He wants those thirteen swingers on the rear end of his sled, that's what he needs.

-Imperialism would be a great and glorious thing, no doubt, for everybody but point out the weaknesses in our present the poor tax payers and the boys who would have to do garrison duty on the sun scorched, fever infested sand hills of the Philippines.

-The clean up on the Klondike this spring is estimated will aggregate about \$30,000,000. It is not stated how many tons of hair will be cut nor how many bars of soap will be used in the clean up of the Klondikers.

-The Bellefonte post-office puzzle is no nearer a solution to-day than when it was first started. While to all appearances everything is moving along smoothly, yet there is a tempest in the tea pot right here at home and you will hear the cracking of the steam some of these fine days.

-The penny wise and pound foolish policy of the fellows who insured in the Iron City Mutual is likely to prove a costly lesson to them and it will be a reminder to many in this county who do business on the plan that the cheapest is good enough. Cheap things answer certain purposes, but it is crassest folly to risk the value of property in flimsy corporations, merely to save a few dollars in annual premiums.

-Mr. WANAMAKER could have given a pretty stage effect to his startling epigram, if he would just have had a shower of bills to the amount of \$400,000 fall over himself when he shouted to the fifty-two anti-QUAY Republicans: "To be right is better than to be regular." It was neither right nor regular, the buying of New York State for HARRISON and Mr. WANAMAKER has never yet denied that he didn't get the postmaster generalship by so doing.

-The Nicarauga canal bill has passed the Senate with its proviso that the Secretary of the Treasury subscribe for nine hundred and twenty-five thousand shares of the stock at \$100 a share. If we are to have Hawaiia and the Philippines we must have a nearer water way to those ports



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Not a Prosperous Sign.

Hon. DAVID MARTIN, late Secretary of There may be times and occasions when the Commonwealth, now representing the the people can be deceived, but at some eighth district of Philadelphia in the times and on some occasions there is no State Senate has undertaken the task of reforming the election laws and methods true condition of affairs than there is of of voting. There is no one in or out of the finding a summer temperature at the North Senate who knows the needs of reforms in pole. The effort now being made to inthese matters more than does Mr. MARTIN, duce the masses to believe that prosperity nor is there any one better qualified to is starting over the country is one of these occasions. Telling them how Wall street system or indicate how they could be remis flourishing; how the banks of the great edied than he is, but unfortunately for refinancial cities are gorged with money; form and for the purity and simplicity of how insurance and trust companies are our election laws, Mr. MARTIN's suggesseeking securities for their over accumulated tions, in that line, show that his purposes capital; and how all the financial instituare not to simplify and better, but simtions of the country have more money on ply to add to and prolong the evils we hand than they know what to do with, is

In the bill Mr. MARTIN has presented anywhere. And the people know this. in the Senate not a single substantial re- They know that a country is prosperous form is suggested, nor will there be one se- only when its money and its men are busy. cured unless great and radical changes are When the business demands will put and made to those he presents as designed to keep in circulation every dollar of capital satisfy the demands of the people. within it.

It is well known to every one who has The very fact that so much money i given any thought to this matter that the great weaknesses and underlying evils in surance companies is the strongest evidence that business is not profitable. If it were every surplus dollar in the country would First-the complex and doubtful manner

of certifying nominations and the power be in demand and in place of millions begiven to the courts to refuse, for purely ing risked and wasted in stock and other technical reasons, a place upon the ticket speculative enterprises daily and millions would be invested in legitimate industries that would give labor to the masses and insure a profitable return to the investor. refusal to permit the opening of the ballot The fact that Wall street is wild in stock speculations; that three and four per cent

stocks are selling at double their actual value; that the demand for the valueless wrongs and loopholes for the perpetration stock, that are listed on the boards of the of crimes, those named are the most glargamblers on the stock exchange, is without precedent, is proof, not of prosperity but of a condition of affairs that does not warrant the investment of money in actual ers a judge who may be, and often is, actand legitimate business enterprises. Without these we are not prosperous; with them or in abeyance to party necessity, to techthere is a legitimate demand for every cent nically rule off the ticket any name that of money in the country.

the bosses may deem dangerous to their If the situation was changed and this hopes or purposes; and thus, at the very surplus money was among the people, so outstart, defeat the will of the people. The second is the hiding place of the bribed need, we might look for and expect prosand briber, while the third guarantees immunity from detection and safety from prosecution, for the villains who, for the the columns of papers representing Wall their hands?

Wont Work. The effort of the QUAY clackers at Harris-

burg to create ill-feeling on the part of the Democrats, towards the Independents, bemore chance of shutting their eyes to the cause of their failure to join in organizing the House and in the distribution of its patronage will, and should have. little effort on the action of those who are there representing the people. It is true that the Democrats have no share in the patronage of the Legislature and were given no voice in the make up of its committees. It is equally true that this is due to the failure, or refusal, of the Independents to join with them, when fusion would have wrested this patropage and power from the hands of the machine leaders. But what has this to do now with the situation, even the weakest kind of evidence of prosperity | if position and patronage were, or are, ques-

tions in the senatorial struggle now on? It is not for a few heads of committees or a few minor clerkships or paster and folder jobs that the Democrats have been making this fight. The contest they are in is much broader and far more reaching than any position or patronage that could be had at lying idle in the banks and trust and in- Harrisburg would give. It is a contest that has been on for years and years-a contest for clean state government and reputable representation in the Senate of the United States-a contest against QUAY and Quayism, and no matter how little else they may get, if they succeed in defeating him more locked up and earning nothing, it and in curtailing the power of the rings and roosters that have been fostered and fattened through his methods, they will have reason to be satisfied and rejoice over the victory they have won.

> The political retirement of Mr. QUAY and the defeat of the debauchery and devilment his methods produce, is what the Democrats are working for. If it were places and patronage they are after, as his papers and retainers would have the public believe, surely they would owe him nothing. He organized the House; what patronage did any Democrat receive in that? His henchmen made up the committees; what representation did they allow Democrats on them?

If this clamor of the followers of Mr. QUAY, that the Independents deserve noththat the people could buy that which they ing from the Democrats because they have given them nothing in return, is correct, perity. But it is not and until it is all the how much less consideration does he and prosperity we will have will be found in the rotten methods he resorts to deserve at

Written for the Democratic Watchman THE NEGLECTED GRAVE. BY WILL TRUCKENMILLER.

To-day I went into the old grave-yard, Where the sun had melted the snow; Dock and briars choke all the pathways, And on the grave mounds low, Rank weeds and grasses grow

I stood beside a little mound Where the growth was rank and wild: So small a mound, I knew it to be The grave of a little child_ Pure, sweet and undefiled.

My thoughts went back through the long long years To the time so far away,

When the mourners came, with bitter tears And their sweet treasure lay, There in the cold, damp clay

They sodded the little mound with care And spent many summer hours, About the spot where their darling lay, While they planted sweet flowers That throve in the sun and showers

But this was long, long years ago; The mourners have passed away, And no one has a thought or care For the little grave to-day-Neglected it must lay.

Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel. From the Philadelphia Times.

Governor Stone has done just what might have reasonably been expected in throwing the whole moral and material power of his administration in favor of his friend Senator Quay. His election was opposed by many because it was believed that his administration would be chiefly political and wholly in the interest of those who are in his political favor, but Stone

Governor Stone's public letter sustaining Senator Quay as the regular Republican candidate before the Legislature, his withdrawal of all the important appointments unconfirmed before the Senate which had been made by his predecessor, and the or-ganization of his cabinet, all show in the clearest manner that he recognizes the fact that he was nominated by political in-terests, elected by political interests and that he is expected to serve political inter-

Governor Stone, unlike some Governors of the past, has the courage of his convictions and he doesn't attempt to deceive or mislead anyone. His policy and his acts are as open as day and his administration s just what every intelligent voter of the State had a right to expect when Governor Stone was elected. He was nominated by the friends of Senator Quay and was electelection, to proclaim his allegiance to the tionable amendments. political interests which triumphed with him. He can't be complained of as inconsistent or as betraying any faith he made to the people, and however he may be criticised for his policy, he will be respected for his courage.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-J. C, Stickland, of Wallaceton, was granted a patent for a clothes rack by the U. . patent office last week.

-Of 17 applications for divorce last month filed in the Lancaster county court, all are entered by women.

-At the coming February election the voters of DuBois will be asked to vote for an increase of \$50,000 in the school debt, the purpose of the increase being the erection of a high school building.

-George W. Good & Company will this week begin laying track on the branch of the Beech Creek road, which will extend from Patton to St. Boniface. The distance is over three miles

-A few days ago Isaac Smith, while working on a log slide near Nauvoo, was struck by a jumping log. The one leg was torn away while the other one was broken in two places. He is in a critical condition.

-All the companies of the Eighteenth regiment have been mustered into the National Guard service. The regiment is located in Pittsburg. The muster of the last two companies E and D, occurred Sunday evening.

-The branch dry goods store at Cross Forks, owned by George J. Koser, of Renovo, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Some of the goods were saved. The stock was valued at \$1,000, on which there is an insurance of \$1.500.

-Joseph Morrison, who was on trial at Lewistown last week for killing Harry Dougherty, formerly of Lock Haven, at Belleville, several months ago, was convicted of murder in the first degree, after the jury had deliberated nineteen hours.

-Rev. Robert Mott, pastor of the First German Baptist church, Williamsport, while walking on the street, Saturday was seen to stumble. He was assisted to a carriage, and while being driven to his residence, expired. Paralysis of the heart was the cause. He was 57 years old.

-Mail agent M. L. Gregory, while going north on the Fall Brook train Saturday, was struck by the mail crane at Hilbourn, and his skull was fractured. He was found unconscious in the car when the train arrived at Cedar Run. He was taken to the Blossburg hospital.

-It is said that John E. DuBois has closed a deal with corporations interested in the New York, Erie and Western railroad, whereby Mr. DuBois transfers to the corporations 58,000 acres of coal lands lying between DuBois and Sykesville. The railroad is to be extended through this land during the present year.

-Three masked men went to the home of John Peffer and wife, an aged couple who reside near Eidenau station, in Butler county. and demanded admittance. Mr. Peffer responded to the rap at the door, and when he opened it one of the men knocked him senseless with a club. The robbers got over \$200 out of the house.

-Tho new ballot law as introduced in the Legislature by Senator Martin, provides for the marking of a cross for each name to be voted for, and does away with the party circle at the top of the ballot. It is much to be desired that the ballot shall be as simple in its construction as possible, and that when ed chiefly by the same influences, and he the measure comes before the Legislature has never hesitated for a moment since his that it will not be loaded down with objec-

than around the horn and we'll get it by way of the Nicaragua canal. But after expending our \$92,500,000 to complete the great water way is there anything certain about our owning the Philippines by the time it is completed, six years hence?

-The right hopeful THOMAS V. COOPER. former luminary and present disturber of counties, has turned another doublesomersault in mid-air and once more permits his light to be concealed under the QUAY bushel. He appears to be the greatest political gymnast in the State to-day, even with his three score and four years of age, but, sad to relate, he has reached the stage of impotency, for double-somersault artists are back numbers, even for amusement purposes with wagon shows.

----Governor STONE is at least consistent. In his organization of his administrative forces in sympathy with Senator QUAY he is not doing the people of Pennsylvania an injustice, nor is he stultifying himself or guilty of a breach of faith. Pennsylvania knew that Governor STONE was Mr. QUAY's friend before he was elected and the fact that the voters of the State trusted him as such in no wise militates against a continuance of that friendship. The only fair way to have had the Governor drop QUAY was to have defeated him for Governor.

----JOHN H. MAXWELL, the Chicago newspaper reporter, deserved the judgment of \$10,000 which the United States Circuit court handed down to him on Tuesday, in his suit against NAT GOODWIN, the actor. MAXWELL wrote a play which he submitted to GOODWIN who told him that he could not use it because all of his plays had to be from the pens of men with established reputations as playwrights. It developed, later, however, that GOODWIN'S play "Ambition" was MAXWELL'S production under thin disguise and, to add insult to injury, the name of the villain in "Ambition" was made JOHN MAXWELL.

-Former state treasurer BENJAMIN J. HAYWOOD was taken away from Harrisburg in a special car on Sunday. He is in a terribly broken down condition and his physicians say he will need a year's rest. He is being treated now by a magnetic healer from Topeka, Kansas. There are some other statesmen who will soon be sent away from Harrisburg in a terribly broken down condition, but they will be given more than one year's rest, and it will take more than a magnetic healer from Kansas to bring them around. Even MARY ELLEN LEASE wouldn't be able to do it, were she to come out of the Sunflower State and fly down to Beaver the magic of her hypnotic man" when once he is sent to rest.

is paid them by greater ones, stuff the ballot box, accept fraudulent votes or falsify returns.

Neither of these wrongs will Mr. MAR-TIN's bill prevent nor does he propose any radical or even practical change in any of the provisions covering these points. The power of the judge to make the ticket; the booth in which bribing flourishes and political elements in Delaware and Chester | finds safety, and the sealed ballot boxes containing their evidence of fraud, are all left as they are. So long as these are parts of our election system and are protected and sustained by law as at present, just so long will the evils growing out of them exist and flourish.

Heading off Election Reforms.

must endure.

our present system are:

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tions of a ticket that gives excuses for re-

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boxes to prove that fraud has been perpe-

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outrages on the purity and prudence of the

ballot are committed. The first empow-

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trated in voting or in making returns.

We know that there are those who honestly believe that any change will be for the better; but this idea is wrong. A change that will not improve will only prolong the cvils of our present system. We are near the time when reforms must come unless the people can be cajoled into believing that they have them when they have not, and this is where the danger lies the goal. now. They see and understand the evils that are now practiced under the protection of the existing election laws; they appreciate the necessity for changes that will do away with those evils, but they are easily fooled-easily led to believe that they are getting just what they want, when it is all pretense, and the purpose is only to deceive and stop their demands for a better system. It was so when the present election laws were enacted. They were given us as reform laws. It has taken eight years for the public to experience and

understand how little of reform there is in them, and it is beginning to look, judging from the reception the suggested changes are receiving, that another "gold brick," in the way of pretended reforms, is to be sold to the public, in the hope that the needed effectual changes that are now demanded may be again delayed for years to come. We hope that those who are clothed with

the authority to enact our laws at Harrisburg will not be foolish enough to force upon the people a new election law as complex, complicated and full of weakness as 18 the present one. Better by far to have the disruption of QUAY-ism, even if it amounts one we now have, than a change that will to supporting an Independent. neither stop the evils that are justly to be complained of nor simplify our present system of voting. The latter will only prove an excuse for reform and its purpose is to stay the demand that will eventually secure paign. Sickness caused the death of most it, if not headed off by the adoption of the of them. Such a frightful fatality will trifling and inadequate changes Mr. MAR- hardly have the effect of making many TIN suggests.

-There is no danger of thirty thousand armed Filipinos frightening uncle SAM, fate that met so many thousand unacclimabut what in the world will he have accomsuggestions would never revive the "old plished when he does pound them into submission

street and those whose interests are subserved by deceiving the public.

The Senatorial Fight Still On

The fight for the seat in the United States Senate now occupied by MATTHEW STAN-LEY QUAY, of Pennsylvania, is still on at Harrisburg. Nine ballots have already been taken without any material change in the situation and from reports received from the capitol last evening there is every indication to point to the conclusion that the three contending elements in the Legislature have settled down for a long contest. The first flush of the excitement has worn off. The QUAY people have come to realize that their "old man" is not a winner in the first round, as he has been so often in the past and their faces become more serious and worried, day by day, as they realize that the Antis are determined and the Democrats are above being tampered with. Every resource has been tried without avail. Each day the ballot is being taken, but no nearer does QUAY get to

The fact that the opposition has been able to hold out this long against the luring baits that have been offered is evidence that there is a real opportunity to dethrone the boss and redeem the honor of Pennsylvania. In all the fights that have been made against him in the past his opponents have invariably laid down at his first stroke. Now it is different and the very fact that the fight has been kept up this long strengthens the men who are against him and encourages the hope that they will ultimately win.

The struggle has become a matter of deepest interest all over the State. There is not a voter who is not looking toward Harrisburg with his eye on the actions of the man who is representing him there. How proud the constituents of Democratic Senators and Representatives must feel when they read the returns of the balloting each day. They are standing solidly for Pennsylvania's honor and while it may not be possible for them to elect the honorable GEORGE A. JENKS they will be ready to do anything to accomplish the

-According to the latest statistics there were eighty thousand Spanish sol-American mothers imperialists. They will be thinking of their own dear sons, liable to military duty, when they read of the ted Spanish boys.

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When it comes to the time that Senator QUAY and the despicable political methods he represents can be defeated, the loss of a few minor places on the hill at Harrisburg, or the power to preside over a few legislative committees will not stand in the way of that defeat. Democrats know their duty and they will do it. The patronage, or loss of patronage, racket wont work.

-The annual report of the provost of the University of Pennsylvania has been issued almost simultaneously with the convening of the Legislature. Another singular feature about the publication is that it never has the wide-spread distribution at any other time that it has during the year that the Legislature is in session. To those who pay any attention to such matters the cause will be apparent. The University of Pennsylvania is making an early bid for a fat appropriation, which it will demand at the expense of other institutions, more distinctively entitled to state support. There can be no objection to the University pro-

curing whatever support it can, but it has no right to attempt to impose itself upon was a state institution and that the bounden duty of the State was to support it. All this at the expense of The Pennsylvania State College, which the Legislature of Pennsylvania accepted as a child of the State, in 1863, when it accepted the national land grant act of July 2nd, 1862, with all its provisions and conditions.

-AUGUSTUS H. GABLAND, who was ormer President CLEVELAND'S Attorney General from 1885 to 1889, dropped dead in Washington yesterday from a stroke of apoplexy. He was one of the South's most brilliant sons. He opposed secession in the Arkansas state convention in 1861. but served in the Confederate Congress throughout the war. Later he was elected Governor of Arkansas and was in the U.S. Senate from 1876 to 1885.

-The New York woman who borrowed a baby and frightened a rich broker into paying her large sums of money, under the delusion that it was his, leads us to think that it is about time to change the old proverb that "It is a wise child that knows its diers died in Cuba during the last cam- own father" into, it is a wise father that fairs-our interference only tolerated in knows its own child.

> -The death of justice HENRY W. WILLIAMS of the Supreme court, which occurred suddenly in Philadelphia on Wednesday, will open the way for gaining another Democratic judge on the Supreme court bench. There will be two to elect next fall and under the constitution one of them must be a Democrat

Political government is just what the people of Pennsylvania don't need and hat the public interests of the State don't demand. This great question was fought out in the campaign, and the people voted for just what they have obtained. True, many so voted reluctantly, preferring a Republican of any kind to a Democrat of any kind, but the fact remains that Gov-

ernor Stone is giving the people of the State the straight political goods they had every reason to expect. When they want a different government they will vote for it but until then they shouldn't complain because they received just what they bargained for

Carnegie Says It Is Criminal.

From a Letter by Andrew Carnegie to the New York World.

"The ablest administrator yet cast up by the recent war is General Wood, of Sautiago fame. He told the congressional committee the other day that 50,000 troops are required for Cuba. This number being necessary because of the climate, for only the State, as a state institution, when it is 35 or 40 per cent will be found effective as not such. During the last session those a rule. A day's active service would cause who were lobbying for the Philadelphia institution actually went to the extreme of troops in Cuba. The approaching yellow trying to make Legislators believe that it fever season will swell the long death roll. So much for Cuba.

"Professor Worcester, a member of the Philippine commission, says in his book under the archipelago, where he resided for years: 'It is unfortunately true that the climate of the Philippines is especially severe in its effects on white women and children. It is doubtful in my judgment if successive generations of European or American children could be reared there. If a man is permanently situated in a good locality where he can get suitable food and good drinking water-if he is scrupulously areful as to his diet; if he avoids excess of all kinds; if he keeps out of the sun in the middle of the day; if he refrains from long and severe physical exertion, he is likely to remain well always.' "It is to such conditions the President

recklessly proposes to expose our soldiers during the coming summer. An epidemic among the troops is probable in one or both of these foreign lands, and what will the American people have to say to the President then? Rulers have swung before this—and justly so—for sacrificing a tithe of the lives that the President's vampire imperialism will probably exact this year. God help the President. Who is there in all this broad land who would share his responsibility? And for what, Mr. Editor, for what, only that we may the one case and forcibly resisted in the other ?

"Rulers have indeed swung for act causing sacrifice of life much less great and not more necessary than that involved in the President's policy."

-If you want fine work done of every description the WATCHMAN is the place to have it done

-The house of Mrs. Maria Witherow, of Centre township, near New Bloomfield, was Tuesday night entered by a masked robber. who at the point of the revolver compelled her to hand over \$40-all the money in her possession. The day previous she had deposited in the Bloomfield National bank over \$1,000. Mrs. Witherow is 80 years old and she was entirely alone with the exception of an elderly woman who worked for her

-The miners in the fire clay mines near Dean, Cambria county, are out on a strike. They demand a rise of fifteen cents per ton for mining. Some time ago their price was reduced twenty-five cents per ton, with the promise that as soon as business brightened up the old rate would be restored. But the company was slow with its restoration measure, hence the strike. The company is said to have offered five cents, but this is not considered sufficient.

-Howard, the only son of butcher George Richards, of Philipsburg met with an ugly accident Monday. He tramped on a pitchfork which was lying on the the stable floor and one of the prongs ran a considerable distance into his foot. The wound didn't bleed and the boy grinned and bore the pain without telling any one what had happened, and returning to his father's shon began to serve customers. In a little while he quietly keeled over in a faint, and his injury was discovered and surgical assistance sought.

-As news express, was approaching the first street at the lower end of Sunbury on Wednesday morning the engineer saw that a milkman was endeavoring to drive across the track in front of the approaching train. Engineer Schreiner whistled and the fireman rang the bell. The locomotive struck the rear part of the wagon, demolishing the vehicle. The dairyman had his leg broken, sustained an ugly bruise on the head and was otherwise bruised. He was carried into a house nearby and physicians summoned. His name was Charles Rhinehart. The horse was not injured, but kept walking up the street, with the shafts hanging to him, as complacently as if the accident had not occurred.

-Company H. Fifth regiment, passed peacefully out of existance Saturday evening, with the failure of the last chance given the local officers to muster the organization into service, says Monday's Johnstown Democrat. Adjutant Fair, of the Fifth regiment, came here to muster the men in, but the company lacked about ten of the required fiftytwo. After the adjutant reports to headquarters, orders to disband the company will be sent out and the officers and men discharged. The company is, to all intents and purposes, dead, so far as Johnstown is concerned, and some other town will be given the opportunity of recruiting the desired number of men. There is still a chance. however, for the Flood city to be represented in the Fifth regiment. After company H disbands, if fifty men can be found willing to form a company, a petition with the fifty names can be forwarded to headquarters asking for a place in the regiment. Then, if there is room for the company, it will be taken in.